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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THAILAND

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- 1. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS MARCH 14 WITH MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL AND LT. GEN. THUANTHONG SUWANADAT, SENIOR AIDE TO PM, WE RECEIVED CONCURRENCE IN GENERAL PROGRAM FOR THAILAND OUTLINED IN REF B.
- 2. IN REVIEWING SCHEDULE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL AND HIS AIDES BELIEVED THIRTY MINUTES SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AND INTRODUCTIONS AT AIRPORT. SINCE VICE PRESIDENT REPRESENTING PRESIDENT CARTER, A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AS WELL AS PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, OTHER SENIOR THAI DIGNITARIES AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS WILL MEET VICE PRESIDENT.
- 3. TIME BETWEEN 3 PM AND 5:30 PM HAS BEEN BLOCKED OFF FOR AUDIENCE WITH KING AND QUEEN AND CALL ON PRIME MINISTER, WITH MODALITIES TO BE WORKED OUT WHEN PALACE CONFIDENTIAL.

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INDICATES ITS PREFERENCE AS TO TIME (IN ANY EVENT DEPUTY DIR. PROTOCOL BELIEVES AN HOUR IS MOST REALISTIC AMOUNT OF TIME TO BE ALLOWED FOR AUDIENCE WITH KING AND QUEEN). BOTH VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MONDALE WOULD CALL ON THEIR MAJESTIES. REQUEST DEPT. INFORM US IF VICE PRESIDENT WISHES SON TO BE INCLUDED IN AUDIENCE WITH KING AND QUEEN.

- 4. PRIME MINISTER WILL HOST DINNER AT 8 PM AND WHILE PREFERRING BLACK TIE, OUR THAI COUNTERPARTS HAVE AGREED ON BUSINESS SUIT AS DRESS FOR DINNER AS SUGGESTED REFTEL A.
- 5. WE DISCUSSED INFORMALLY POSSIBLE VISIT TO REFUGEE
  OFFICE BUT FEEL WE SHOULD DEFER FINAL DIECISION PENDING ARRIVAL
  OF ADVANCE TEAM. GIVEN SHORT TIME FRAME, A VISIT TO REFUGEE
  OFFICE ENROUTE FROM THE AIRPORT WOULD BE RUSHED AND COULD REQUIRE
  PROCEEDING DIRECTLY FROM THE REFUGEE OFFICE TO EITHER AUDIENCE
  WITH THE KING AND QUEEN OR MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER WITH
  NOT TIME TO STOP AT THE HOTEL TO FRESHEN UP.

6. BOTH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL AND GENERAL THUANTHONG SAID PRIME MINISTER WOULD WANT TO PRESENT GIFTS TO VICE PRESIDENT AND ANYONE IN OFFICIAL PARTY OF CABINET RANK ALTHOUGH THEY INDICATED THEY WOULD RELUCTANTLY DEFER IF VICE PRESIDENT SO DESIRED. GENERAL THUANTHONG, EXPLAINING THAT THAI HAD SIMILAR RESTRICTIONS TO USG FOR ACCEPTING GIFTS, INDICATED THAT GIFTS PRESENTED WOULD NOT BE OF GREAT MONETARY VALUE BUT GIVEN AS MOMENTO OF VISIT. WE BELIEVE THE THAI STRONGLY DESIRE TO PRESENT GIFTS TO VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MONDALE AND WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED IF THEY COULD NOT. WE RECOMMEND, THERE-CONFIDENTIAL

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FORE, THAT WE BE PERMITTED TO INFORM THE THAI THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE SMALL GIFTS AS MOMENTOS OF HIS VISIT TO THAILAND.

- 7. RTG HAS REQUESTED BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. MONDALE AND SON AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPT. COULD PROVIDE US WITH THIS INFORMATION SOONEST.
- 8. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) DOES VICE PRESIDENT WISH HIS SON TO INCLUDED IN AUDIENCE WITH KING AND QUEEN? (B) GUIDANCE ON GIFTS. (C) BIO INFORMATION ON MONDALES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY.

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